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SUBJECT:                   Recommendations of the FLAB which  
                              Relate to Community Activities in the  
                              Field of Scientific and Technical  
                              Intelligence

1. I am attaching a memorandum which sets forth recommendations taken from two separate reports of the President's Board on Foreign Intelligence. Two of these recommendations (Rec. 13a of 8 March 1963, and Rec. 4 of 7 February 1964) both propose the creation of an outside organization for research.



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3. You will note that recommendation e of the FIAB memorandum of 8 March 1963 recommends actions within DOD to "emphasize research in advanced sensing systems, advanced photographic systems, . . . etc." This recommendation, of course, cuts straight across the NRO. Theoretically the Defense Department submitted some reply to this recommendation, but so far I have found no record of the substance of any such reply.

4. In view of the fact that comments on all of these recommendations have been requested with a deadline of 15 March, we should take these matters up with appropriate officials of the Defense Department fairly soon. It seems to me the appropriate officials include Gene Fubini and DIA, both of whom have a legitimate interest in at least some aspects of the questions raised. Before approaching either, however, I think it desirable to obtain at least a preliminary reading on the CIA position on these questions and should greatly appreciate the views of DD/S&T.

Attachment

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1. Recommendations are part of recommendation 13 of  
a memorandum to the President, dated 8 March 1963, to which a  
reply was submitted on 15 April 1963 and 23 December 1963.

Recommendation a. reads as follows:

"a. The creation of an organization for research  
and development which will couple research (basic science)  
done outside the intelligence community, both overt and  
covert, with development and engineering conducted  
within intelligence agencies, particularly the CIA.  
Institutional research, academic and industrial, must  
be jointed to mission-oriented research."

Recommendation e. reads as follows:

"e. Actions within the Department of Defense:  
(1) to emphasize research in advanced sensing systems,

advanced photographic systems, and in other sophisticated areas of intelligence gathering and (2) to strengthen advanced research in the signals intelligence field, particularly to prepare for the environment in which signals intelligence must function over the course of the next ten years."

2. Recommendations from the FIAB in a memorandum dated 7 February 1964 contain the following recommendations which require a coordinated answer from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, United States Intelligence Board.

"1. Evaluation of the Signals Intelligence Product.

The Board recommends that steps be taken to introduce generally effective evaluation techniques into the signals intelligence community, with a view to ensuring the objective assignment to the signals intelligence community of tasks and priorities derived from a realistic estimate of the value of the intelligence likely to be produced. (We concur in the Panel's observation that the desired

techniques can only be evolved through a comprehensive study of the entire signals intelligence operation, including the sources of such intelligence, its processing, and the ultimate use made of it. We suggest such a study be made through the combined efforts of signals intelligence experts within Government and outside experts in the field of modern management techniques. We believe that the recent extensive study of documentation and information handling within the community, known as the SCIPS study, gives an important access to methods of evaluation, since for the first time a comprehensive and manageable survey of the articulation of the intelligence product and circulation to its users has been made.)'



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